

Juduser

From:  
Sent:  
To:  
Subject:

[REDACTED]  
Friday, March 11, 2022 8:00 PM  
JudTestimony  
Juvenile Justice bills

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in **support** of: • S.B. No. 387: AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

I am writing in **opposition** to the following bills: •

- S.B. No. 365: AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS •
- S.B. No. 388: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE. •
- H.B. No. 5418: AN ACT REVISING JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATUTES AND INSURANCE STATUTES CONCERNING THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE. •
- S.B. No. 392: AN ACT CONCERNING STATEMENTS MADE BY JUVENILES. •
- H.B. No. 5417: AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE AND SERVICES AND FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECKS. •
- S.B. No. 386: AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY LAWS OF THIS STATE.

My name is Linda Scacco, and I am a member of the Universalist Church of West Hartford. My faith community is a member of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA).

The latter proposed pieces of legislation contain elements of juvenile justice reform that will lead to greater numbers of youth, especially black and brown youth, being detained, coming under surveillance, and a host of other thinly-veiled racist outcomes. They are based on the false claims that Connecticut is experiencing high rates of crime committed by youth. This is false data and the rhetoric is being used to create fear and push for reforms that will result in more black and brown youth and low-income white youth being charged with crime and being placed into the juvenile justice system.

This proposed legislation seeks to undermine the effective Juvenile Justice and Policy Oversight Committee that is widely respected and regarded nationally for advancing best practices in Youth Justice Reform. The passage of these bills will set back the excellent progress we have made in the area of youth justice in CT.

We urge you NOT to pass this legislation. Thank you !

Linda Scacco  
4 Grennan Road  
West Hartford, CT 06107  
860-490-6699